Different yardstick to deal with insurgency in Nagaland and Assam

130. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the 'Asian Age' dated 18th May, 2002 under the caption "Assam CM : use same yardstick as NSCM with ULFA".

(b) if so, the Gove'rnment's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for following different yardsticks to deal with insurgency problems in Nagaland and Assam; and

(d) whether uniform pattern of behaviour would be pursued in both cases and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,» (SHRI ID. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of Indian Constitution. The United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) has not yet come forward for peace talks within the parameters indicated.

Performance of NDMC

131. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total strength of New Delhi Municipal Council, category-wise and what was it in 1992;

(b) what is the total expenditure on salaries and allowances of the staff as on date and what was in 1992;

(c) what is the level of absenteeism in the NDMC; and

(d) to what extent has it affected the performance of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VTDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The requisite details are given below :

Category	Staff strength in 1992	Staff Strength in 2002
A	262*	297
B	444	556
C	6972	7474
D	8655	9318

(b) The expenditure incurred during 1992 on salaries and allowances was Rs. 49.87 Crores which has on date increased to Rs. 203.12 crores per year.

(c) and (d) The absenteeism was mainly confined to Safai Karamcharis. The New Delhi Municipal Council has been able to reduce it from the earlier level of 30% to nearly 10%. This has improved sanitation and solid waste management.

Terrorist activities in States

132. SHRI KATLASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the States identified in which there is a threat to common man due to terrorist activities;

(b) what are the administrative measures taken to contain the menace;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in respect of continuing terrorist activities in the States; and

(d) what economic measures are proposed to be taken to eliminate those activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and interlinked and externally supported subversive activiites of militant groups in some States of the North East are the major areas of concern.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various*methods and take concrete steps to contain militant/terrorist activities in the States. However, the Central Government keeps a close watch on the various developments in the internal security scenario of the country and has been regularly sensitizing all States Governments and concerned agencies regarding activities of terrorists/militants. Intelligence is